

**REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED  
TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

**Deadline: 15 February 2023  
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*Please provide only the information requested below.  
Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.*

### **A. Identification of the organization**

#### **A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report**

A.1.a. *Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.*

Udruga hrvatskih amaterskih kulturno umjetničkih društava u Bosni i Hercegovini (UHAKUD u BiH)

A.1.b. *Name of the organization in English and/or French.*

Association of Croatian Amateur Cultural Clubs in Bosnia and Herzegovina (abv. UHAKUD u BiH)

A.1.c. *Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)*

NGO-90293

#### **A.2. Address of the organization**

*Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.*

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## B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)<sup>1</sup>

*Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework<sup>2</sup>, as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.*

**B.1.** Describe your organization's contribution to strengthening **institutional and human capacities** for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

UHAKUD u BiH organizes seminars for the training of its members on the implementation of the 2003 Convention. The training is carried out by our members who were previously trained by the UNESCO Regional Departments. UHAKUD u BiH is composed by association -members from all organizational units in BiH. Association have a common development policy and program plan for the entire organization. UHAKUD u BiH realize its certain programs in a way that determines which of members will be the bearer

1. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.
2. For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503>

of a particular program. Each association - member of UHAKUD in BiH is engaged in its local community on the project's performance as well as on advocacy the legal and program frameworks and for incorporating our ideas and projects into these frameworks. At Entity and the State level, the Management Board of the Association, in communication with Entity Ministries of Culture, the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH and the Commission for Cooperation BiH with UNESCO. promotes and advocates implementation of common programs, system and goals. Besides that, UHAKUD u BiH organizes at least three seminars a year to raise awareness of local communities in BiH for ICH safeguarding.

**B.2.** Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission of and education** for intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

UHAKUD u BiH member associations organize seminars and workshops as well as other forms of informal education in order to transfer elements of ICH to young people in their local community. These are year-round programs lasting 4 to 6 hours per week, depending on the type of ICH element that is transferred in this way. Such workshops or seminars are open to all individuals, members and non-members of the association. These seminars and workshops are led by local experts and heirs of the ICH element in question, with the help of expert associates provided by UHAKUD in BiH as umbrella organization. In addition, UHAKUD in BiH organizes every year the "Seminar of the folklore of BiH Croats" in the form of a weekly summer camp, where the students are young people from BiH and descendants of emigrants from all over the world. Theory is taught by university professors, and practice by the inheritors and transmitters of the element ICH being taught.

Association members and initiators for the establishment of UHAKUD in BiH as an umbrella association are natural persons who are heirs, bearers and transmitters of ICH elements, and persons with experience in organizing events and various forms of informal education. Specialists, highly educated persons for the needs of education or evaluation of individual elements of ICH are engaged by UHAKUD in BiH as necessary.

**B.3.** Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

Members of UHAKUD u BiH are local associations that deal with the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in any way. This means that the local heirs of various elements of ICH are our members, involved both in the implementation of programs and in the adoption of the association's work policies. As an umbrella association for associations (and individuals) operating in the field of ICH safeguarding, from the position of ICH holders and transmitters, we cooperate with authorities in BiH responsible for these matters and serve the authorities as a contact point for cooperation with ICH holders. In this way, we initiated listing of several ICH elements into National or International lists of ICH. In several cases, our members who have such competences were members of evaluation teams at the National level. Five persons- members of UHAKUD u BiH were trained by UNESCO Regional Bureau Venice for the Implementation of the 2003 Convention.

**B.4.** Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies, as well as legal and administrative measures**, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

UHAKUD in BiH participates in developing of policies, legal and administrative measures for the safeguarding of ICH by animating representatives of competent local bodies through our members in local communities to participate in thematic seminars and workshops. At these seminars, we present our needs and achievements, examples of good practice as well as our internal policies through which we achieved such results. After the thematic discussions, we come to common conclusions. In this way, several local procedures and administrative measures as well as legal frameworks on safeguarding ICH were adapted.

**B.5.** Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

UHAKUD in BiH organizes special seminars to raise awareness of the importance and role of ICH in local communities. Besides that, it is important to underline that the memories of the past war (1992-1995) are still fresh in the minds of people in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which, in addition to other sufferings, the intangible cultural heritage as part of the cultural identity of local communities and peoples was especially threatened. There are numerous communities that were forcibly displaced and separated from the places of practicing their cultural heritage and are still prevented from returning. They are painfully aware of the importance of preserving their heritage, which gives them a sense of belonging and continuity. In new environments, our members cherish their intangible cultural heritage in changed conditions and pass it on to young generations with a lot of emotions. UHAKUD in BiH helps its members to keep the connection with their roots and to repair broken ties between people and communities through joint programs and seminars for all members of the association.

**B.6.** Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

UHAKUD in BiH, as an umbrella association, organizes joint programs for its members, advocates the implementation of programs of state institutions through its annual programs, especially seminars, workshops and programs aimed at raising the awareness on safeguarding of ICH of local communities. As a member of the ICH NGO Forum and an association accredited by the UNESCO ICH Commission, we participate in the work of conferences and seminars organized by UNESCO bodies and try to incorporate the recommendations and policies of these bodies into our programs. Every year we organize at least three seminars to raise the awareness of local communities, always in other local communities, and one as part of the annual seminar for youth (summer camp-school for the transfer of ICH to young people), special lectures on the role of intangible heritage in the development of individuals and the local community. In all our programs, we strive to include all layers of the community in the program, using our members from that local community as special advocates.

**B.7.** Describe your organization's participation in **facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage**.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Members of UHAKUD u BiH are local associations and individuals that deal with the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage of their local community in any way. This means that in all local communities in BiH we have contacts with local authorities and institutions through advocacy by our members from that local community. In this way, we ensure the participation of all relevant layers of the local community in our programs.

Our main annual joint program for all members is the State review of folklore societies. The program consists of a parade of folklore groups through the city to entertain the audience, an exhibition of traditional crafts, traditional dishes, a presentation of local customs on stage and a round table, where representatives of folklore groups, experts hired by UHAKUD in BiH and the local administration exchange opinions on programs and the improvement of safeguarding of ICH through similar programs. Through the annual minutes from these programs, it is possible to monitor data on changes in ICH elements, in the way of their safeguarding and presentation, as well as policies related to safeguarding over time.

It is important to emphasize that this kind of system always brings together the heirs of ICH, experts and the competent administration for a round table.

**B.8.** Describe your organization's **engagement in cooperation at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels** for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

UHAKUD u BiH is a national association organized with the intention of bringing together all factors for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in BiH. However, we cooperate a lot with similar associations, especially from neighboring countries, but also throughout the world for the purpose of exchanging cultural programs. As a member of international associations, especially ICH NGO Forum, we have repeatedly presented our work system as an example of good practice. As examples of the results of such presentations, we highlight the grant by the UNESCO ICH Commission for the pilot project "Digitalization

of cultural heritage in local communities in BiH" awarded to our member Society for DTCH, in the implementation of which we participated as partners, and the JIAPICH award 2022 for the promotion of cultural heritage, which our former president received, especially for the construction of the ICH safeguarding system through the rules for the implementation of annual programs of UHAKUD u BiH .

**B.9.** *Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

UHAKUD u BiH was contacted by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH, whose staff prepared a report for UNESCO in 2021. They were asked us to provide them with questionnaires from. UHAKUD u BiH have provided it them. In that questionnaire, we entered information about the contribution of UHAKUD u BiH through its independent programs and projects. In addition, we helped associations - our members to fill out questionnaires for the Ministry for the preparation of the state periodic report. After completing the data in the questionnaire, and before the release, the Ministry staff submitted a questionnaire to verify that the information on UHAKUD u BiH is true.

**B.10.** *Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The inventory of elements of intangible cultural heritage in need of urgent safeguarding or List of Best Safeguarding Practices have not been established in BiH. But UHAKUD u BiH recognized some elements of ICH threatened by disappearance, in need of urgent safeguarding and worked on their safeguarding and transmission to new generations. Through our annual review, we noticed that only a small number of people over 50 years of age present some types of singing, dancing or customs. Through discussions at the round table, we came to the conclusion that these elements of ICH are about to disappear and agreed on activities (workshops, seminars in local communities that inherit this element of ICH) as well as promotional programs. After several years of implementing such a program, we noticed how this element of ICH was transferred to a large number of young people and how they carry it out and nurture it with joy and pride.

## C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and provide information in the box below.

- Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)
- Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention
- Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators
- Cooperation with Category 2 Centres
- Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO
- Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs
- Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
- Financial support from the Participation Programme
- Other types of cooperation

Not to exceed 250 words

We did not tick questions 2 (Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention) and 7 (Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund) because UHAKUD in BiH was not the main holder of the pilot project "Digitalization of elements of intangible cultural heritage", but a partner of the Society for DTCH, which is our member and holder of the project. They used the emblem of UNESCO and of the 2003 Convention, and the project won financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund.

Representatives of UHAKUD in BiH participate in all activities organized by the National Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO headquarters or Field Offices, on their initiative. We try to include all recommendations and conclusions or operational directives in our policies and work plans, so that they are consistently applied through our members in BiH.

## D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 Has your organization participated in the sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.

Not to exceed 250 words

-Fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which took place as a fully online meeting from 14 to 19 December 2020. (Two persons)  
-Sixteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (13–18 December 2021) which took place fully online through the Zoom platform. (Two persons)  
- Seventeenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 28 November to 3 December 2022. (One person alive, one online).  
In the mentioned sessions, our representatives did not have a special role, except for the presentation of our examples from practice and discussions within the framework of the ICH NGO Forum.

D.2 Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Operational Directives), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.

Not to exceed 100 words

No

**D.3** *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

*Not to exceed 500 words*

UHAKUD u BiH has not provided advisory services to the Committee until now because we were not invited. In the future, we foresee that we can provide such services in the form of the engagement of a person (one of the five persons of our members who have been trained by the regional offices of the Committee and have the necessary competences, two of whom have sufficient knowledge of the English language). The mentioned persons are qualified to provide the services described in paragraph 96, a, b, c or d. of the Operational Directives.

## **E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives):**

**E.1.** *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

About 50 members or staff of UHAKUD u BiH can speak and write English and only four people speak French. If it is necessary for one person to have an excellent knowledge of the 2003 Convention, Operational Directives and the language at the same time, then we are talking about two people with exceptional skills and three more with a slightly worse knowledge of the English language.

**E.2.** *Does your organization have experience in working across several intangible cultural heritage domains? Please describe your experiences.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The staff of UHAKUD u BiH has experience in organizing and conducting seminars for local communities to raise awareness, to recognize their elements of ICH, prepare and implement safeguarding programs for various forms of ICH, evaluate and prepare documentation for inscribing of elements into the National List as well as the UNESCO Representative List. Our members independently prepared requests for project co-financing by ICH Fund, UNESCO and the Committee sponsorship and use of emblems, implemented projects and reported. Therefore, we believe that these persons can also review the documents of others and provide advice service to the Committee. Our members designed a system of annual programs that contributes to the safeguarding of ICH elements and verified the effects of the system in practical application at the National level. These persons are capable of recognizing challenges and recommending measures to overcome either by insight into one's programs or the situation on the ground in other communities, and thus contribute in an advisory capacity in examples of urgent safeguarding or capacity building.

**E.3.** *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Two people from UHAKUD u BiH helped associations - our members to prepare proposals for inscribing elements of ICH, requests for accreditation and proposals for programs for co-financing from the ICH fund in such a way that they reviewed the documents proposed by the members and advised certain changes or additions. After that, the projects were successfully implemented.

**E.4.** *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

One of our members was the secretary of an international organization in charge of making minutes in English, making reports and other documents. She is able to follow discussions and enter conclusions into the minutes simultaneously.

**E.5.** Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.

Not to exceed 250 words

Our member is the winner of the 2022 JIAPICH award for the promotion of ICH. The evaluation body for awarding the award, six distinguished experts for ICH, liked the example of building a system of annual programs and rules for the safeguarding of ICH, which was implemented in UHAKUD in BiH. After the awards ceremony, she had the honor of holding a lecture for students of the Jeonbuk Faculty of Intangible Culture and researchers at the International Center for ICH Jeonju on this example of good practice. Likewise, she promoted the idea of digitizing ICH elements by the heirs and placing multimedia content on one website, which can serve as a base data for ICH safeguarding, promotion, building the brand of the local community and the offer of cultural tourism. This pilot project is implemented by our member, the Society for DTCH in partnership with all members of UHAKUD u BiH, but as a system it is applicable in all communities of the world. She is also the co-author of the project.

## F. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

No

## G. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of your organization.

Name: Mr. Vedran Vidović

Title: President of the Association

Date: 09.02.2023.

Signature:

